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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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<p><i>– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –</i></p> <p><b>Period for Reply</b></p> <p>A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.</li> <li>- If NO period for reply is specifically specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).</li> </ul> <p>Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).</p>			
<p><b>Status</b></p> <p>1)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>15 September 2003</u>.</p> <p>2a)<input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL.                    2b)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.</p> <p>3)<input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i>, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.</p>			
<p><b>Disposition of Claims</b></p> <p>4)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-7</u> is/are pending in the application.</p> <p>4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.</p> <p>5)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.</p> <p>6)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1 and 4-6</u> is/are rejected.</p> <p>7)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>2, 3, and 7</u> is/are objected to.</p> <p>8)<input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.</p>			
<p><b>Application Papers</b></p> <p>9)<input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.</p> <p>10)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on <u>15 September 2003</u> is/are: a)<input type="checkbox"/> accepted or b)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> objected to by the Examiner.      Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).      Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).</p> <p>11)<input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.</p>			
<p><b>Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119</b></p> <p>12)<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</p> <p>a)<input type="checkbox"/> All      b)<input type="checkbox"/> Some * c)<input type="checkbox"/> None of:      1.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.      2.<input type="checkbox"/> Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.      3.<input type="checkbox"/> Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).</p> <p>* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.</p>			
<p><b>Attachment(s)</b></p> <p>1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)</p> <p>2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</p> <p>3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)      Paper No.(s)/Mail Date _____</p> <p>4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)      Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____</p> <p>5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)</p> <p>6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p>			

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Drawings***

The drawings are objected to because Figure 8 shows two separate elements therein.

*Thus*, it is unclear whether these elements are intended to be depicted as being assembled together. If this is the intention, then assembling lines or at least a bracket should be placed in the figure. *Otherwise*, the figure should be corrected to overcome this objection.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1 and 5 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 17 of claim 1, it appears that "hold" should be changed to --holding--.

In line 55 of claim 1, it is suggested that "connected" be changed to --connect--.

In line 56 of claim 1, it is suggested that --be-- be inserted before "stably".

In line 9 of claim 5, "30" should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The use of the phrase "may be" in line 31 of claim 1 renders the claim indefinite since what "may be" to one "may not be" to another. *Thus*, the metes and bounds of the claim cannot be properly ascertained since one would know whether the limitation proceeding "may be" in the claim is being *positively* required as part of the claim.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said internal inclined surfaces" in lines 45-46. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It is noted that "internal walls" and "inward inclined surfaces" have been set forth in lines 36 and 37, respectively.

The language of the recitations "inward stamped", "front side" and "rear side" of claim 4 renders the claim indefinite since the structural relationship and orientation between the elements is unclear.

The terms "long" in claim 5 (see lines 3 and 10) and "close" in claim 6 (see last line) are relative terms which render the claims indefinite. The terms "long" and "close" are not defined by the claims, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the invention.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action, claims 2, 3, and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is (703)-305-2872. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

Please note, that due to the relocation of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from Arlington to Alexandria, Virginia, the Examiner's phone number will be changed. After April 7, 2005, please contact the Examiner at (571) 272-6832.

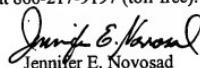
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl D. Friedman can be reached on (703)-308-0839. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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